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Letter dated 5 March 1991 from the Permanent Representative of Kuwait to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to forward herewith the text of the statement made today by His Excellency Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmad Al Jaber Al Sabah, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs of the State of Kuwait (see annex).

I should appreciate it if you would arrange for the present letter and its annex to be circulated as an official document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 153, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) Mohammad A. ABULHASAN
Ambassador
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ANNEX

Statement made on 5 March 1991 by the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs of Kuwait

Some irresponsible parties in Palestinian circles have been deliberately circulating false allegations and slanders to the effect that the official authorities in Kuwait have initiated certain practices against the Palestinian community residing in Kuwait. In doing so, those parties aim only to spread a spirit of resentment and disunity in a blatant attempt to cast themselves as the defenders of the fraternal Palestinian people.

As all are aware, the State of Kuwait has embraced expatriates from all parts of the world, including the fraternal Palestinian community, and provided them with the means to make a decent and comfortable living. It has done so on the basis of its belief in its Arab, Islamic and humanitarian obligations and its constant keen commitment to noble Arab values and principles.

Following the wicked occupation of Kuwait's land and people by the Iraqi forces for more than six months, the Kuwaiti authorities resumed - immediately the hated Iraqi occupation was ended - their normal duties of maintaining security in Kuwait. The criminal Iraqi occupiers had destroyed all the country's assets and set up a gang of conspirators and collaborators with a view to achieving their aim of perpetuating the occupation. In order to perform their duty of establishing security and stability in the country, the Kuwaiti authorities are obliged relentlessly to pursue any criminal elements, from whatever community they may come, and to show them no leniency, because those elements have not treated Kuwait and the security of its people in a manner consistent with the dictates of their position as expatriates and guests.

In categorically rejecting these allegations, Kuwait draws attention to its honourable record in its dealings with all those living in its territory and affirms that allegations by diseased minds such as these are false and utterly untruthful. The right of Kuwait to ensure and enhance its security can in no way be interpreted as being directed against any honourable person in the territory of Kuwait - the land of love and peace and the community of building and giving.